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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'BRONZE SUNSET'

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'BRONZE SUNSET'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 1-year-old plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (RHS/CV). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Intensity of expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

#### PLANT

Form: Spreading  
Growth: Vigorous; sprawling  
Size: Height about 52 inches; width about 48 inches

#### Foliage

Size: Length about 2 1/2 inches; width about 1 9/16 inches

Quantity: About 8

#### Color

New foliage: Upper side near 137B; under side near 148A

Mature foliage: Upper side near 148A; under side near 137B

#### Texture

Upper side: Smooth

Under side: Matte

Edge: Serrated

Petioles: Top surface color near 148B; Under side near 148B

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Stipules: Medium length  
Auricle: Light red brown near base  
fading to green near leaf  
Rachis: Few prickles  
Variegation: Slight

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10 New shoots

Bark: Smooth  
Wood: Near 59C

old wood

Bark: Lots of prickles  
Wood: Near 137C

Flowering stem: Length about 5 1/2 inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

Resistance to Disease: Fair

Temperature range: Between 20 and 100 F

Internode spacing: Irregular

Preferred growing  
conditions: Likes full sun

Growth habit: Vigorous

Leaves per stem: About 1

#### FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Recurrent

Pod: About 4 1/4 inches

Form: Triangular

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Color:

Before sepals divide color  
near 137A; when sepals first  
divide color near 137B; when  
petals begin to unfold color  
near 41A

Sepals:

Regular

Size:

Length in relation to ped.,  
about 1 1/4 inches

Color

Topside near 164E; bottom  
near 137C

Peduncle

Length:

About 2 1/2 inches

Strength:

Strong

Color:

Near 148C

Flower

Size:

About 4 1/4 inches

Borne:

Single

Form:

Relative good form; high  
centered; unfurled to loose  
ruffled at maturity

Petalage:

About 15

Petaloids in center:

None

Persistence:

Normal

Fragrance:

Slight

Lasting quality:

About 2 weeks on plant; or at  
6 days after cutting

Other

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During first 2 days:

Inner petals at lower center;  
topside near 41A; bottom near  
19A; outer petals topside  
near 41A, bottom near 10C

Base of petals

Point of attachment):

Near 17E

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General tonality from a  
distance:

Bronze

Color Change:

Slightly darkens; remains the  
same after 3 or more days

Petals

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Texture:

Thick / rigid

Shape:

Wide at top, tapered to  
narrow bottom

Arrangement:

Loose around pistils

Appearance:

Satiny

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#### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens,  
Filaments and Anthers:

Near 103B; regularly arranged  
around styles

Color:

Filaments near 101C; Anthers  
near 101F

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Filament:

Near 103A

Styles:

Bunched, uneven length

Stigmas:

Normal; color near 101

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape:

Oval

Size:

About 1/2 inch

Color:

Near 141B

Seeds:

No seeds